

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6 as follows:

In this case, although the ball chain according to the present invention can be integrated by penetrating the connecting portion such as wire or the like through the ball holding members molded by resin, the integrating operation is troublesome when the ball holding members are penetrated one by one by the connecting portion and in view of reducing time and labor of integration, it is preferable to connect ~~pad~~ the ball holding members to the connecting portion by injection molding of synthetic resin.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 as follows:

Further, in connecting ~~padding~~ the ball holding members by such an injection molding, it is preferable to form recesses and protrusions at the connecting portion in correspondence with portions for connecting ~~padding~~ the ball holding members such that the ball holding members do not drop off the connecting portion after molding.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 3 as follows:

The moving block 4 is fabricated by utilizing injection molding of synthetic resin. That is, the moving block 4 is formed by connecting ~~padding~~ synthetic resin by injection molding to a block main body 40 made of metal and formed by machining, portions requiring mechanical strength such as the movable body attaching face 41, the load rolling face 43 of the ball 3 and the like mentioned above, are formed at the block main body 40 and in the meantime, portions where mechanical strength is not important such

as the ball return hole 44 and the like are formed by synthetic resin and light weight formation of the moving block 4 is achieved as light as possible.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 11 as follows:

Hence, according to a ball chain 8 of the embodiment, a wire 80 penetrating the respective ball holding units 61 is installed and the connecting portion 62 is constituted by the wire 80. Although a method of fabricating such a ball chain 8 is substantially the same as that of the ball chain 6 according to the first embodiment, a single piece of the wire 80 is inserted in a mold along with the balls 3 and the respective ball holding units 61 are connected ~~padded~~ to the wire 80 at an equal interval by injection molding of synthetic resin.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 18 as follows:

As shown by Figs. 11(a) and 11(b), according to the connecting portion 75, through holes 75a each having a diameter ~~more or less~~ larger than the diameter of the ball, are formed in a stainless steel sheet (SUS 304 or the like) having a thickness of 0.05 through 0.2 mm which is formed in a strip-like shape and the balls 3 are contained in such through holes 75a. Meanwhile, the ball holding member 74 is molded by synthetic resin of polyamide-base elastomer, polyester-base elastomer or the like and is connected ~~padded~~ to the connecting portion 75 by injection molding. That is, as shown by Fig. 11(a), ball dies 91 each having a diameter larger than the diameter of the ball 3 are projected at a predetermined interval in a forming mold 90 and as shown by Fig.

11(b), the ball dies 91 are contained in the through holes 75a of the connecting portion 75 and under the state, the ball holding members 74 are connected padded to the connecting portion 75 by injection molding. Thereafter, the ball dies 91 are forcibly detached from among the ball holding members 74 and the balls 3 are pushed in portions detached of the ball dies 91 by which the ball chain 71 in which the balls 3 are contained in the through holes 75a of the connecting portion 75 by the ball holding members 74 is completed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 15 as follows:

Although according to the above-described fifth and sixth embodiments, a stainless steel sheet in a strip-like shape is used as the connecting portion, according to the embodiment, wires 77 each having a slender wire diameter are used as a connecting portion and ball holding members 78 are connected padded to the wires 77 by using injection molding of synthetic resin.